

Uncle Sam Makes Fine Reputation as Architect

ASHINGTON.—When the average citizen beholds the beautiful lines of the modern federal buildings in most of the principal cities of the United States, he probably does not realise that in addition to his many other voca-



tions and professions, Uncle Sam is also an architect, represented at present by Oscar Wenderoth, supervising architect of the treasury. Yet, Uncle Sam is making a wonderful reputation for himself in this capacity. Not only is he doing good work, but he is being widely copied, and those who are acquainted with the facts realize that he is doing more to set the fash-ion and elevate the standard of architecture in this country than any other

agency.

For the first 75 years of our national existence the public buildings were put up in a sort of haphazard way. Commissions appointed by the secretary of the treasury selected the architect of a building and attended to all the details of its construction. The result was that no fixed idea was carried out, and our earlier public buildings had no uniformity of design at all.

Today it is different. Uncle Sam has become an architect on his own account, and he is designing his own buildings. The result is that one may now recognize the new federal buildings of the country on sight by their uniformity of style. There is just enough diversity in detail to prevent too

In times past the government roamed the whole world over to find new ideas in architecture, and in the older federal buildings one may see everything from the Gothic down to the Romanesque. But after trying them all, the classic style based on the best French and English influence as illustrated by the Senate office building in this city, has been decided upon as embodying the best that there is in beauty and utility in architecture.

An example of some of the failures of bygone days is the old Washington post office on Pennsylvania avenue and the Municipal building which Supervising Architect Wenderbth styles "an architectural nightmare." A Boston architect imported the Romanesque style along in the eighties, and made a great hit with it in Boston and Cincinnati. Then came along the supervising architect at that time with a determination to copy the style in the Washington post office. He did so, and the result speaks for itself.

Eleventh - Hour Stories of the Vice - President

TRICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL has a habit of telling a funny story at the eleventh hour. In fact, he usually waits until the eleventh hour and about lifty-five minutes. The consequence is that when he enters the senate cham-

ber to convene that body of solemn toilers he is apt to have a half suppressed smile on his face, and the Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, the senate chaplain, has even more difficulty in maintaining the serious countenance of a man about to lead in prayer.

Here is the way the thing works Along about 11:30 Marshall shifts from his office in the senate office building to his room in the capitol. A few minutes before noon the chaplain comes to be in readiness

to accompany the vice-president into the chamber. Now, for some unaccountable reason, the presence of the chaplain makes Marshall think of a funny story. At about five minutes prior to the hour of opening the senate he starts to tell this story with calm deliberation.

The golden moments speed on their way, and by the time Marshall has the basic part of his story outlined it lacks only two minutes or less until twelve o'clock. All hands begin to grow nervous and the sergeant-at-arms comes to the door, watch in hand, to make certain that the vice-president is going to reach his seat in due season.

Marshall gets up from his desk and proceeds across the corridor, still working toward the point to his story, and by a burst of speed gets out the climax just as he pushes open the door into the senate chamber. Chaplain Prettyman has his choice then of not laughing at the story, which would perhaps be impolite on his part, or of laughing and then pulling his face k into snape ready oner prayer while walking the few steps from th door to the rostrum.

Small Boy Finds Red Flag; Nearly Wrecks Train

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD boy came near causing a disastrous rear-end collision on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near the scene of the Terra Cotta wreck, the other morning, when he flagged

the Frederick local due here from Frederick, Md., at 8:30 o'clock. As usual, the train was crowded,

as was the Hagerstown train, following it. The engineer of the Frederick local jammed on his emergency brakes, when he saw Robert Shipley, who lives at Stott's, near the district line, frantically waving a red flag on the track ahead, not far from the

Quick work was necessary to flag and halt the Hagerstown train booming down the line behind. A rear-end collision was narrowly averted through

the agility of the flagman, who put sufficient space between himself and the Frederick train to give the second engineer stopping room. In the meantime, the engineer, conductor and many passengers piled out and surrounded young Shipley, demanding to know the danger. Unabashed, the boy explained that he had found a red flag on the track and wanted to

return it. He was questioned closely, but to no further effect. The conductor took the flag, and trainmen unanimously admitted that they had encountered a remarkable case of an honest boy. They added with some show of bitterness, however, that there are times when too much honesty is not the best policy.

Sightseeing Indians Amused at Boys' Warfare

T WO Indians were sightseeing up Capitol Hill way. Both were civilized to the extent of cheap clothes that didn't fit, and, as small concessions to a tribal past, each wore a single quill in his gray sombrero. Also, one wore

gold hoop earrings, and the other displayed on his breast a Catholic medal and cross. They shuffled along listlessly until, as they came to the library, each stopped with sudden alertness to watch two tiny boys playing on the grass. Each small chap had on an Indian suit of brown cambric with a war bonnet of turkey quills. And each waved a tinsel steel tomahawk and danced exactly as real Indians don't do and never did. And when one boy put his hatchet between

his teeth and crawled over the grass to attack a portly black nurse who made believe she didn't know what was coming to her, the two who were the real thing looked at each other and chuckled.

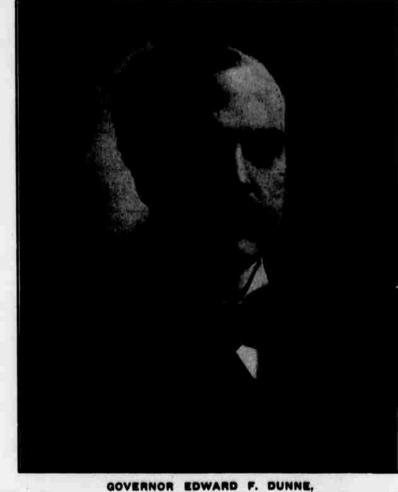
And inside the library there are doubtless many books beautifully bound and illustrated to prove that the red man is a stoic who has never been known to smile.

His Powerful Appeal.

Some time ago an aged clergyman, thetic words proved more effective their offerings.

Still Waiting.

The guest was an Englishman, and who had been engaged to preach a his host did not wish him to miss any charity sermon for some orphan chil- of the good things that were being dren, on rising to deliver his discourse, said at the dinner. "Did you catch that was unable to proceed from failure of last joke?" he asked the young man, strength. Stretching out a feeble arm, whose face wore a cheerful, but not over the group of orphans, and turning | too animated, expression as the fire of to the congregation, he addressed them stories rattled from side to side of Whence shall we buy bread the table. "The one about the place that these may eat?" These few pa- where they had two skulls of the saint -one when he was a boy and one than the longest sermon, the congre- when he was a man?" "No," said the gation was touched to the heart, and guest, "I missed that one. I'd like to heaped up the collecting plate with hear it now, if you're good enough to repeat it."



Whose Stand on the Senatorship Was Sustained in One Hundred and One

a dead set against Mark E. Guerin, the able lawyer who was a candidate at the primary for municipal judge. They had hard work trading him off

M. Emmet Clare would have been nominated for municipal judge if the Sullivan machine had not fought him.

Albert H. Tyrrell made the race for the probate judgeship as a Sullivan

The Sullivan senatorial gang made him for county commissioner are sore at the way the organization traded him off for senatorial votes.

> Michael Kolassa, well-known Polish-American, was put on the Sullivan organization slate for county commissloner and was traded off and beaten on primary day for senatorial votes.

James F. Bambas, the well-known Bohemian-American real estate dealer. was placed on the Sullivan organiza-



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man and was tossed high in the air I tion slate for county commissioner and by the traders on primary day.

The Sullivan crowd beat J. M. Laventhal for municipal judge.

James A. Pink certainly deserved better treatment than a throw-down from the Sullivan organization. He was one of Sullivan's hardest workers.

The many friends of Harry D. Gardner who were led to believe that the Sullivan organization would support was traded off and beaten to get votes for Sullivan for senator.

Max Levy would have been nominated for county commissioner if the Sullivan crowd had kept its word.

Fred D. Alonzo was promised Sullivan organization support. He was traded off at the primaries.

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Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occurrances of the Week.

mittees are as follows:

Monday — Streets and alleys, ?
o'clock; buildings, 3:30 o'clock.

Tuesday—Schools and police, 1;
o'clock; harbors, wharves and bridges
2 o'clock; local industries, 2 o'clock
Wednesday—Special park commis
sion, 10:30 o'clock; health, 2 o'clock;
local transportation, 2 o'clock; trach
elevation, 2:30 o'clock. elevation, 3:30 o'clock.

Friday—Compensation, 11 o'clock; judiciary, 2 o'clock; finance, 2 o'clock; bathing beaches, 3:30 o'clock.

Municipal Judge Caverly sent a letter to Mayor Harrison recommending that the minimum fine of \$20 for violation of the municipal code prohibiting peddlers from peddling without a license be eliminated and that the code be changed so that such offenders may be fined from \$1 to \$50. He stated that the principal violators of the ordinance are very poor. The judge's letter follows:

"To the Honorable Carter H. Harrison: From my experience as presiding judge at the Maxwell street court for the last four months I am firmly convinced that the minimum fine of \$20 for violation of Section 1760 of the city code is too severe and ought to be eliminated.

"This ordinance deals solely with peddlers.

"I respectfully recommend that the ordinance so read that violators may be fined in any sum from \$1 to \$50. thereby giving the judge an opportunity to fine any sum ranging from \$1 up. The principal violators of this ordinance are very poor people. "JOHN R. CAVERLY,

"Judge of the Municipal Court."

Meeting hours for City Council com-mittees are as follows: Vernon L. Bean, who has been sec-retary to Superintendent of Police retary to Superintendent of Police James Gleason since the latter's appointment, has assumed the office of assistant corporation counsel in the city law department. Mr. Bean had made a request for such a transfer some time ago. His place as secre-tary to the chief of police will be filled temporarily by Sergeant John J. Naughton, who has had charge of Thursday—Gas, oil and electric many details in the office of the chief ight, 2 o'clock; license, 3:30 o'clock; of police for some time past.

Washington, Sept. 15.-Among the business men appointed by Secretary Redfield as delegates to act with a committee of the National Foreign Trades Council in working out plans to expand trade with Latin-America are Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, W. D. Simmons of St. Louis and Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railroad. James A. Farrell is chairman of the committee of the National Foreign Trade Council.

Civil Service Reform, hailed with joy by the public, has established an office holding aristocracy in the United States. In Chicago alone, Civil Service employes have forty as-sociations of their own to pry additional coin from the taxpayers. The man who works out his life for his family in any private vocation can starve to death in his old age. But a fellow who enjoys a fat salary on a public payroll all of his life, rests assured of a pension paid by his fellow citizens when he gets through.

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